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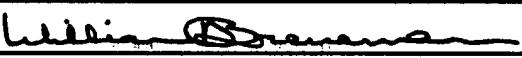
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Invention Title STAPLING DEVICE			

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2005 which time for response expires May 1, 2005 (a Sunday), please amend the Specification and claims to place them in an allowable U.S. format as indicated in the following amendments to the Specification and Listing of Claims:

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